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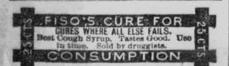
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Washington, D. C., Special.-The Chinese minister came to the State Department early to deliver an edict received by him to Secretary Hay. It is simliar in form to the edict published in London. The minister says that the only differences are those involved in separate translations. Mr. Wu's translation of Sheng's dispatch is as follows:

"Edict of 28th of the sixth moon (corresponding to July 24), states that fortunately all ministers, except Baror von Ketteler, are alive and unharmed. They are now being supplied with vegetables, fruit and provisions by the government, to show its sympathy for them."

If Mr. Wu had any doubt as to the safety of the ministers it seems to have been dissipated by this edict. He labored earnestly with Secretary Hay to convince him that he was bound to accept this official declaration of the Chinese government. He pointed out that this last declaration did not represent merely belief of a minor official or a viceroy; it was the solemn declaration of the Chinese government.

The day brought forth the usual crop of edicts and reports from various quarters and the usual department all bearing directly upon the welfare of foreign ministers in Pekin. This consistantly growing mass of assertion is beginning to have a cumulative effect upon the sceptics, and there was a noticeably more hopeful view taken of the state of affairs. Beyond the fact that it is scarcely conceivable that the Chinese authorities should persist in repeating and strengthening these stories up to the rapidly approaching moment when the whole truth must be disclosed by other agencies, it appeared upon careful consideration of the reports that there was really little more ground for hope as to the safely of Mr. Conger his colleagues at Pekin than there was a day ago. The de-pressing fact is always in mind that the Chinese authorities, by their own statements, able to communicate with the legationers, for some mysterious reason do not permit these unfortunates to communicate with their own governments. Mr. Wu's explanation of this, namely, that the Chinese methods are different from our own, is scarcely sufficient for the officials here. The minister, ...owever, is hon-estly trying to get a further communleation through from Mr. Conger, and it may be that success in this under-taking will afford him a brilliant vin-dication. At least he maintains a wonderful show of confidence in the safety of the legationers and managers to impress this in some degree on the officials with whom he comes in

While the positive statement is made that it is not the present intention to send any more troops from Manila to China, at the same time it is known that all contingencies have been canvassed, and that if an emergency should arise in China which made it imperative to have additional troops, they would be drawn from the Phillppines for temporary duty at Some time ago Gen, MacArthur was advised by Secretary Root to maintain sufficient transports to carry supplies between Manila and Taku, and these transports would be available for emergency troops. Pennsylvania, Indiana and Sumner, when the latter arrives at Manila, will be held for service between Manila and Taku and will be available for the contingency which may occur, but which the department does not expect to

contact.

Te egr p'ile Triefs.

Sheep raising in Utah is a failure Lord Roberts has reported to the

tedWar Office that Boer forces have retreated in disorder from Middleburg. China has offered to produce the foreign diplomats shut up in Pekin on condition that no further advance be

Towne To Withdraw.

made by the allied armies

Minneapolis, Minn., Special.—The Journal says: "Charles A, Towne will be withdrawn as Vice-President candidate from the Populist national ticket about August 15. At that time the Populist National Committee will accept his resignation and replace him with Adloi E. Stevenson as the nominee of the Populist party for Vice-President. The source from which the announcement is received is such as to make it impossible to question its accuracy. During the campaign Mr. Towne is to be utilized as a campaign orator, to whom will be assigned the most desirable tours. He will speak only in large cties and in close dis-

Would Raise Troops.

New York, Special.-At a meeting held in this city by the Executive Board of the Russian-American Democratic League, resolutions were drafted favoring the raising of a regiment for service in China. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to Secretary of War Root. The league has a mem-bership in New York of 3,000 and sent 600 men to Spain to fight 1234562839456 600 men to fight Spain during the recent war. Elias Rosenthal was selected as colonel of the regiment

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